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Dear Senator Maynihan,

Your excellent oped piece in this morning's Post prompts this documentation for some of the belief and suspicions you expressed when JFK was assassinated, partiuularly because from what has happened in the past, you may be criticized for it.

I obtained the documents I enclose by FOIA lawsuits of which I filed about a dozen. The Congress amended the investigatory files exemption in 1974 over FBI corruption in one of my earlier suits.

"Unless we investigated the event with exactly that presumption in mind," you said of the possibility there had been a conspiracy, people would believe there had been one.

No real investigation was ever intended or made. When Katzenback was deputy AG and then acting AG, as soon as he learned that Oswald had been killed 11/24/63 he wrote a memo for LBJ through his channel, Bill Moyers. It was retyped very early Monday 11/25. I have a copy of his holigtaph, a DJ file copy and one from the FBI's files. This same memo recommends what became the Warren Commission. I have an abundance of FBI records reflecting its effort to frustrate any investigation other than the one it would make.

You say that LBJ set "a chief justice with no great ~~intellectual~~ intellect to do a job that ~~the~~ a corrupt FBI was well content should not be done." Close. You should have said "saw to it would not be done." Bearing on this, and I have many more relevant documents, I enclose a damage-control ticklet. (I added the papeclips to call judicial attention to what they say when I used this in a FOIA lawsuit. This record was disclosed to my friend Mark Allen. He proceeded to litigate requests we had both made when health reverses made litigation impossible for me. Which also explains my typing, for which I apologize.)

You err in what follows saying that Epstein laid it all out in his master's thesis. His was not the first, far from the most complete, and it supported the FBI against the Commission.

"Oh, my God!" you said of Oswald. "I thought the Texans would kill him," I not only had the same belief, I predicted it to my wife before it happened. Here, I think, is the explanation for Oswald's going to a movie, a ~~place~~ place where for at least a while he could expect to avoid being lynched.

Hoover had an instant vision of a lone-nut assassin. I have FBI records on this and all else I say about it. But the FBI's failure to conduct a real investigation is recorded in field-office records generated before any order from FBIHQ could have directed avoidance of any real investigation. I'll supply this and any other documentation that may interest you if any does.

From the thousands of letters I've gotten from them I believe you are correct in saying that this wretched Oliver Stone commercialization and exploitation of that assassination in which he makes the tragic fraud Garrison the hero will have a very bad effect on our

Young people. Politically especially this is unhealthy.

I doubt you can believe how corrupt and dishonest Garrison's book is. When I learned that Stone was using it as the basis of his movie I wrote him 2/8/91 in great detail that he would be rewriting the history of this tragedy based on a fraud and a travesty. I offered more than enough for him to ask questions if he doubted my word, attached some documentation, offered more and to respond to questions. When some time passed and he did not respond I set out to cause the great controversy that did ensue and that Stone attributes to the CIA, its allegedly paid-off reporters and "The Establishment." I gave George Lardner my letter to Stone, a copy of the script I'd been given and whatever he wanted of my Garrison files. I spent much time in New Orleans. It began with an effort to learn more about Oswald, it ended with damage-control, in part at the request of Garrison's staff. As one example I did prevent incredibly insane magnifications of the national disgrace Garrison had already caused in his imagined but non-existing case against Clay Shaw. The staff had tried and failed to talk Garrison out of his planned commemoration of the fifth assassination anniversary.

They apparently believed that with my subject-matter knowledge and previous professional experience, as a reporter, investigative reporter, Senate investigator and editor and World War II intelligence analyst (OSS) I might succeed.

One of the new charges Garrison planned to make, alleging additional assassins, was of a man he knew had killed himself in 1962 yet he was to be a 1963 Grassy Knoll killer!

This is unrecognizable in Garrison's book and the original Stone script has faithfully in it Garrison's knowingly false account in which he fired a man, ~~over,~~ claiming that what he himself had made up was in fact the invention of that man, allegedly infiltrated onto his staff by the CIA. In fact Garrison had hired him personally over strong staff objections.

In fairness to Garrison whose great national disgrace cannot be exaggerated, he was also a man of principle on occasion. You refer to the movie having "homosexual orgies" in Shaw's "town House." (I do not recall this from the original script so I presume it was used to replace the serious flaws in the script that were publicized.) Shaw's was actually a modest and quite small house. When Garrison's detectives searched it with a warrent they discovered s/m paraphernalia. An enterprizing reporter got the publicly-available return on the warrant. Garrison did not leak any of it, including those whips and chains. One of the detectives who made the search told me that in the bedroom ceiling there were hooks around which there was much smudging, as from sweaty palms. This has never been used. The FBI also knew he was s/m and homosexual and lied about it.

Shaw was also a man of culture, a dramatist one of whose plays was made into a movie. However, there is no reason to believe a word about him in the movie. His connection that both Garrison and Stone lied about with the CIA, from what is known, is limited, as is that of millions of Americans, to contact with the CIA's domestic-contact service, a proper con-

nection and a normal and essential intelligence interest and function.

The Congress itself is not without some justified criticism over what did not happen, a real investigation of this great tragedy.

Among those I tried to interest, Wayne Morse would not touch the matter. Mac Mathias read the manuscript of my first book (of seven) the first two nights he had it when he was home, then near here, as he recovered from surgery. Among the efforts he made was trying to interest Manny Celler, chairman of the judiciary committee of which Mac was a member. Later he asked me to go to the committee of which you were a member, intelligence. That led to nothing. I suppose it never will because no political figure can hope to survive politically any real investigation of the FBI, which, inevitably, any look at the JFK assassination must include if not in fact begin with.

The Schweiker subcommittee and the House Select Committee on Assassinations were to my personal knowledge farcical, the latter beginning with the intent to support the official mythologies.

While I believe there is no prospect of any real investigation, I believe one is vital to national needs and to the functioning of representative society in particular.

At 78 and with serious health impairments there is not much I can now do except try to leave a truthful and accurate record for history. This is one of the reasons I caused exposure of what Stone is up to and have informed the media about since.

I am not and never have been a conspiracy theorist. While I have brought to light most of what is factual and known about the assassination, I debunk all the imagined solutions I can. Like Garrison/Stone.

That there was a conspiracy is without any question at all, as is the fact that this was known officially. This is quite separate from who the assassins were. Of this there is no lead in the official records. (I have about a third of a million pages of which about a quarter of a million are on the JFK assassination investigation.) The official "investigations" add to this. When the New Orleans Secret Service was following a promising lead, the FBI had it called off. I later followed it myself and it was productive and could and should have been followed further than a private citizen can.

If you personally, if only for a better record for history, or any committee, wants to know what I have established, I'll take all the time desired and provide documentation. But physically it is not safe for me to go to Washington, medical reasons.

Everything I have, including about 60 file cabinets and many boxes of records, will be a permanent public archive at local Hood College. There was no quid pro quo. Dr. Gerald McKnight there and Dr. David Wrone, University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point, both have good subject-matter knowledge. Both are historians and dear friends.

My thanks for you for taking time for this article and for your political courage and honesty in describing the FBI as "corrupt." (Barry Goldwater, at Mac's request, corrected some of its defamations of me in the intelligence-committee's records.) Best wishes,

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